

2.4 REMOTE APPEARANCES

- (a) To promote access to justice, the Court authorizes remote appearance, as set forth in this rule. Nothing in this rule prohibits in-person appearance.
- (b) Criminal: Remote appearance is authorized ~~but not mandated for all criminal proceedings, subject to judicial authority to require in-person appearance in accordance with law as defined in Penal Code Section 977.~~
- (c) Civil: Remote appearance is authorized but not mandated for all civil proceedings, subject to judicial authority to require in-person appearance in accordance with law. This subdivision applies to civil cases, as defined in Rule 3.672(c)(1) of the California Rules of Court, and includes petitions for domestic and gun violence restraining orders.
 - i. For non-evidentiary hearings, notice of intent to appear remotely may be provided orally at the start of the hearing, and may cover the duration of the case. For juvenile dependency cases notice of intent to appear remotely is not required pursuant to Rule 3.672(i)(3)(A) of the California Rules of Court.
 - ii. Evidentiary hearings and bench trials will be held remotely, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Any opposition to a remote appearance for an evidentiary or bench trial shall be made in accordance with Rule 3.672(h)(3)(A), of the California Rules of Court.
- (d) Information on remote appearance is located on the Court's website at www.yolo.courts.ca.gov. *(Effective January 1, 2022; as amended, eff. 03/02/22)*